Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I charge the Hon'ble Member who charged me for frittering away the money of the taxpayer. I charge him for frittering away the time of the Council. Under the Government of Cochin Act as well as the Government of India Act, the Advocate General and the Minister need not be a member of the Council. There may be cases where the Advocate General is not a Member of the House, the Minister may not be a Member of the House because under section 13 it follows that a Minister may be a Minister and still be not a Member of the House for a period of six months. Section 6 runs thus: "The Ministers are appointed by His Highness and shall hold office during His Highness' pleasure. A Minister who, for any period of six consecutive months, is not an elected Member of the Legislative Council, shall, at the expiration of that period, cease to be Minister". And this is more so in British India where in certain provinces there are two chambers of the legislature. A Minister who is a member of the lower chamber may have to address the upper chamber, the Council of State. The provisions of this section will apply to the Ministers as well as the Advocate-General though they are not Members of the House. You may remember, Sir, that when the Agriculturists' Relief Act was being discussed in the Madras Legislature during the C. R. regime, the Advocate-General of Madras, Sir Alladi Krishnaswamy Ayyar addressed the legislature in virtue of this provision. He is not a member of the House. He addressed the legislature to elucidate certain points of law which have a bearing on the subject. In the same manner if a Minister for any reason is not a Member of this House which may happen when there are two chambers, he may address the legislature to elucidate his policy and in order to enable the Advocate-General to explain to the House the points of law and the Ministers the points of policy it is provided in section 13 that the Ministers and the Advocate-General shall have right to speak and it is stated "but shall not by virtue of this provision only they are entitled to vote" because they are Members of the House as much a member of this House as the Hon'ble Member who raised this point of order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuhassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Have I a right to reply?

Deputy President: This is not a resolution or a motion. If I understood the Hon'ble Minister correctly, emphasis is on the point "but shall not by virtue of this provision only they are entitled to vote". I think this is correct and I give the ruling accordingly.

29 voting for and 3 against, the motion is carried.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuhasan *(Vadakkancheri):* And who are the neutrals? They may also be counted.

Mr. Deputy President: It is not the practice of this House to count the neutrals.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* There is a precedent.

Deputy President: The ruling is given. I do not see any reason for changing that.

Demand put and carried.

IX. DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS *(cont.)*

(ii.) 4—B—Contribution to Village Panchayats

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I move for a transfer of Rs. 556-2-0 to "4-B-Contribution to Village Panchayats" from "B-1-217/21 and 278/21". The uthur Panchayat in its five year programme of lump sum works included a sum of Rs. 400 in 119 Rs. 300 in 1120 and Rs. 300 in 1121 for land acquisition towards the opening of a road in Kolukulli village and land acquisition for the same was accordingly ordered. When the Panchayat submitted proposals for lump sum distribution in 1121, they did not make any provision for this work. The Diwan Peishkar submitted an award for Rs. 556-2-0 at the end of the year 1121, being the compensation amount towards the land acquisition for the above road. Since there was no provision in the 1121 budget for the payment of the above award amount, the Director of Panchayats paid the amount to the Diwan Peishkar by transfer from "B-1-217/21 and B-1-278/21" under "4-B-Contribution to village panchayats" where there were sufficient savings. It is only to regularise this that the token demand is made. This may be granted.

Deputy President: The question is that Rs. 556-2-0 be transferred under "4-B-Contribution to Village Panchayats" from "B-1-217 of 21 and B-1-278/21".

Demand put and carried

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I move that Rs. 38,104 under "4-B-Contribution to village panchayats" be granted.

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The necessity of supplying good drinking water in the littoral tracts has been felt for the last many years. Last year Government made an attempt to relieve the distress caused owing to the want of good drinking water by supplying Alwaye water to the southern most part of Vypeen. There was incessant public demand that similar arrangements should be made for supply of water to all the coastal places from Vypeen to Pallipuram. Orders have therefore been issued for the supply of Alwaye water, where scarcity of water is acute, to Vypeen, Vallarpadam, Panambukad, Ochanthuruth, Karthedam, Bolghatty and Mulavukad by means of L. C. T. The total cost of the supply of Alwaye water to the above places is estimated at Rs. 46,000. There is a balance of Rs. 7,896 in B. I. 460/22. There is no provision in the budget to meet the excess expenditure. An additional allotment of Rs. 38,104 is therefore necessary under the above head.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* On a point of information may I know whether there is any proposal by Government to put sub merged pipe lines to these areas ?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I think there is an idea of putting submerged pipe lines to these areas.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* How long it will take?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):* It will take some more time. The submerged pipe line will be laid down very soon.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* Therefore it would be advisable to expedite that matter because this recurring expenditure can be avoided.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):* That is being expedited.

Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated):* On a point of information may I know the quantity of fuel that is required for running these L. C. Ts?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* L. C. Ts. are run by diesel oil. Only a very little quantity of petrol is required.

CUT MOTION

(1) Grave situation caused by the running of L. C. Ts. with the existing quota of petrol and other fuels

Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated):* I move to reduce the allotment of Rs. 38,104 under 4-B-Contribution to Village Panchayats, by Re. 1 to impress upon the Government the grave situation that would be created to the motorists, and transport agencies by the running of L. C. Ts. with the existing quota of petrol and other fuels.

It is not my desire to deprive the people of these areas by introducing this cut motion of good drinking water. But however I am glad that an opportunity has been brought forward in this House to express the feelings and difficulties experienced by motorists and transport agencies particularly during the last two months, has been something that has been warranted much criticism from all quarters. People were given a megre allotment of 30 gallons of supplementary coupons were practically refused even a gallon of petrol last month. We understand that here an enquiry is going to be made and something is going to be done. On the fact of the fact it was really a surprise to me to see that the L. C. Ts. are going to be run for the transport of water. I really took it to be and I understand that it is purely run on petrol, and some type of L. C. Ts. are run by diesel oil. However a large amount of petrol is still really necessary and I am also given to understand reliably that there has been definitely no increase in the allotment of petrol for the State. Under the existing conditions and facts that this policy is most inconvenient on the face of the fact and the information just supplied by the Hon'ble Minister that these L. C. Ts. can be run on deisel oil and not a large amount of petrol is necessary, I humbly request the leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I feel it my duty to enter the debate at this juncture for the simple reason that the discussion is on a very wider subject. These L.C.Ts. have become a nuisance to the State, nuisence in the sense that the L.C.Ts. which were functioning in the State for war purposes with war quota of petrol for that had now after the war is over some of them have been purchased by Government, yet others by private agencies.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* What is this L. C. T.?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The question may well be put to the Hon'ble Mover. I am sorry the responsible Minister for Food and Education has asked this question as a non-official like myself as to what exactly is an L. C. T. I know for the fact that the questioner knows it, as much as anybody else.

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